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1) AFTER COORDINATING WITH ME, BRITISH AMBASSADOR ROBERT TESH ON FEBRUARY 6 INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTER SHEIKH MOHAMMAD ABOUT DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION. WHEN I DID SO ON FEBRUARY 7, MOHAMMAD EXPRESSED HIS THANKS FOR BEING INFORMED AND SAID THE GOB FULLY UNDERSTOOD WHY USG FELT OBLIGED TO REACT TO SOVIET MOVES. WHILE HE DID NOT ACTUALLY EMPLOY THE WORD, MOHAMMAD'S TOTAL REACTION SEEMED TO WELCOME OUR PLANS RE DIEGO GARCIA.

2) THE FOREIGN MINISTER RECALLED AN EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SWARAN SINGH, IN WHICH THE LATTER HAD SAID THAT IN INDIA'S VIEW THE INDIAN OCEAN "ZONE OF PEACE"
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CONCEPT INCLUDED THE GULF. MOHAMMAD CLAIMED TO HAVE RETORTED

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THAT AS FAR AS BAHRAIN WAS CONCERNED, THE INDIAN OCEAN IS ONLY AN EXTENSION OF THE GULF.

3) COMMENT:
IN VIEW OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S UNENTHUSIASTIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS CONTINUED PRESENCE IN BAHRAIN OF OUR MIDDLE EAST FORCE, WE DO NOT KNOW QUITE WHAT TO MAKE OF HIS GENERALLY FAVORABLE REACTION TO OUR DIEGO GARCIA PLANS. HOWEVER, THE THOUGHT DOES OCCUR THAT LOCAL OPPONENTS OF MIDEASTFOR MAY BE ABLE TO ARGUE WITH THOSE WHO FAVOR ITS CONTINUED PRESENCE THAT LOSS OF THE BAHRAIN NAVAL FACILITY WILL NOT REALLY HURT THE AMERICANS IN VIEW OF EXPANDED FACILITIES THAT WILL BECOME AVAILABLE IN DIEGO GARCIA.
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